

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: KAJI et al

Serial No.:

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For: Method And Apparatus For Forming Damascene  
Structure, and Damascene Structure

Art Unit:

Examiner:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop: Amendment (No Fee)  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 27, 2004

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination thereof,  
as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.